

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 were pending in this application. Claim 7 has been canceled. No claims have been added. Hence, claims 1-6 and 8-50 remain pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 32-50.

Claims 7-11 and 29-30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Arguments in Support of the Claims

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection against independent claim 1.

Dependent claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As for dependent claims 2-8 and 10-31, although they may recite independently allowable subject matter, these claims depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 and 9 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending claims 1-50 are in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance.

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